

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, February 27, 1896, with transcript

Letter from Mrs Alexander Graham Bell to Dr Alexander Graham Bell. Thursday Evening, Feb. 27th, 1896. My darling Alec:

It is nice to know that your meeting at Cincinnati was a success, although I never doubted that it would be. You always are successful when you are in earnest.

Yesterday morning I staid in bed until twelve for a spree and then went to a lunch party which lasted until half past three. After that Day and I went down town and invested in a new hat and livery for Perrin. He really was not respectable for me any longer, Before this his fur cape has hidden many deficiencies but the warm weather has uncovered them and I really did not like to be seen with him. After dinner Daisy and I went out to Georgetown and played whist until late, Carrie looks well. The boys are quite nice looking but I had rather have our girls. After all it is better to have fine examples of one sex than poor ones of the other.

I have worked all day today in the library arranging the books until I was so tired I wanted to cry and then dressed for a dinner party at Mamma's for Harry. I had Stanley Brown on one side and Trent Finney, private Secretary and Secretary Herbert on the other, a dapper little man, about up to my shoulder and the timiest little feet and hands you ever saw. I did not care for him.

I think I will invest in a fire alarm box and have a bell put in Charles' room so I can call him at night. I sat up late reading a powerful book, The Sorrows of Satan, I don't know if you would care for it but it made a good deal of impression on me.

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Invitation from Mrs Dale to dine and meet Mr and Mrs Kennan. I enclose Mr. McCurdy's. Harry didn't come after all—isn't here and it's a great relief.

Goodnight, I miss you dreadfully. Mrs Stanley Brown was at the dinner tonight and desired to be remembered to you. Please greet Mr. McCurdy for me.

Ever your Mabel.